Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 of page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The tubular receptacle 10, as described above, can comprise a cylindrical cavity ~~34~~ 35, but other shapes of the cavity ~~34~~ 35 are possible within the scope of the present invention. The power contact 12 and the input data contact 30 extend radially into cylindrical cavity ~~34~~ 35. The power contact 12 is supported at a central position, as shown in Figure 1 of an enclosed end of the tubular receptacle 10. The ground contact 18 is a conductive portion of the cylindrical cavity ~~34~~ 35. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--With reference to Figures 1 and 2, a ground terminal 50 is attached to the insert 40 and is movable into contact with the ground contact 18 when the insert 40 is disposed within the tubular receptacle 10. The construction and configuration of the ground terminal 50 is similar to those used in well known inserts of cigarette lighters. A data terminal 54 is attached to the insert 40 and is movable into contact with the data contact 30 of the tubular receptacle 10 when the insert 40 is disposed within the cylindrical cavity ~~34~~ 35. Similarly, the insert 40 is provided with an output data terminal 56 which is movable into electrical contact with the date output data contact 32 when the insert 40 is disposed within the cavity ~~34~~ 35 of the tubular receptacle 10. Also, an auxiliary ground terminal 58 is attached to the insert 40 and movable into electrical contact with the auxiliary ground contact 34 of the tubular receptacle 10. As shown, lines 64, 66, and 68 are connected to terminals 54, 56, and 58, respectively. These lines allow these terminals to be connected to appropriate connection points within a portable electrical device, such as a hand-held GPS unit. Furthermore, line 48 allows electrical power to be connected to the portable electrical device and line 60 allows the ground terminal 50 to be connected to the portable electrical device. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 12 of page 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As illustrated in Figure 2, the present invention can be provided with a threaded cap 70 which can be used to more firmly attach the insert 40 to the tubular receptacle 10 by threading the cap 70 unto the threads 72 provided at the open end of the tubular receptacle 10. However, it should be clearly understood that the use of threaded caps and threaded open ends are not necessary in all embodiment of the present invention. Instead, the friction provided by the relative sizing of the insert 40 and the tubular receptacle 10 is generally sufficient to retain the insert in place after it has been pushed into the cavity ~~34~~ 35. This type of attachment is well known to those skilled in the art and is used in virtually all currently manufactured automobile type cigarette lighters.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--With continued reference to Figures 1 and 2, when the insert 40 is disposed into the cavity ~~34~~ 35 of the tubular receptacle 10 the power terminal 42 moves into contact with the power contact 10 to provide power from the battery 20, on line 48, to the portable electrical device. The ground terminal 50 moves into contact with the ground contact 18 of the tubular receptacle 10 to connect the ground system of the portable electrical device to the ground system of the marine vessel and to the second terminal 15 of the battery 20. When the three terminals, 54, 56, and 58, of the insert 40 are moved into electrical contact with the three contacts, 30, 32, and 34, of the tubular receptacle 10, the portable device can communicate data through terminal 54 to contact 30 and, as a result, to the information processing system of the marine vessel. Similarly, the portable electrical device can receive data from contact 32 to terminal 56 so that the portable electrical device can either display or use data provided from the information processing system of the marine vessel. This same position of the insert 40 within the cavity ~~34~~ 35 results in the electrical connection between the ground contact 34 and the ground terminal 58.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 of page 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--As can be seen, the insertion of the insert 40 into the cavity ~~34~~ 35 provides connection to both electrical power from the battery 20 to a portable device, such as a GPS, and also simultaneously provides data connections in associations with contacts 30 and 32 and terminals 54 and 56. Furthermore, an auxiliary ground connection is made between contact 34 and terminal 58. All of these connections, both electrical energy connections and data connections are made simultaneously through the simple motion of inserting the insert 40 into cavity ~~34~~ 35 of the tubular receptacle 10. Notwithstanding this multiple function provided by the present invention, the tubular receptacle 10 can also serve as a standard cigarette lighter with normal and commonly used male cigarette lighter inserts.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 4 is an isometric illustration of the insert 40 that can be used in a preferred embodiment of the present invention. As can be seen, it is generally similar in appearance to a standard male cigarette insert, but with certain advantageous additional elements. When the insert 40 is disposed in the cavity ~~34~~ 35 of the tubular receptacle 10 as described above in conjunction with Figures 1 and 2, the power terminal 42 moves into electrical communication with the power contact 12 of the tubular receptacle 10. The ground terminal 50 moves into contact with the ground contact 18 of the tubular receptacle 10. Simultaneously, the three metal rings, 54, 56, and 58, move into contact with the associated contacts, 30, 32, and 34, to provide signal communication both from an information processing system of the marine vessel to the portable electrical device and also from the portable electrical device to the information processing system of the marine vessel. In addition, a ground contact is provided through metal band 58. A cable 90 contains wires 48, 60, 64, 66, and 68, as described above in conjunction with Figure 2. At the opposite end 92 of the cable 90, a portable electrical device is connected. As described above, the portable electrical device can be any one of numerous components. Typically, a portable GPS unit is particularly suitable for this type of connection. Within the cable 90, the five wires described above in conjunction with Figure 2 are contained and connected to the portable electrical device. With reference to Figures 2 and 4, the cable 90 can contain a red wire 48 to provide 12 volt power to the portable electrical device from power terminal 42. A black wire 60 would provide a connection to the ground terminal 50. A yellow wire would provide a connection between terminal 56 and a data receiving portion of the portable electrical device. Terminal 54 can be connected to a white wire with blue stripes and terminal 58 would be connected to a blue wire with white stripes. It should be understood that different conventions can also be used.--